The Facts on Drinking Water

Ongoing and equitable access to clean, safe water is critical to our health, economy, and way of life.

The average American uses approximately

64,240 gallons

of water in one year



800,000 miles of water pipes in the U.S.



The average age of water pipes is

60-130 years old

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Water is an essential resource







Every day, people rely on clean water for many things, including drinking, bathing, cooking, washing clothes, and handwashing



Water is cleaned, reused, recycled, and returned to the environment



The average American sends between **66-182 gallons** of wastewater to the system each day

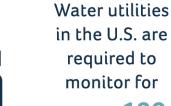


Less than 1%

of water on Earth is usable fresh water

The Great Lakes hold 84% of North America's surface fresh water and about 21% of the world's supply

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Sources: U.S. EPA; American Water Works Association; and the Water Environment Federation